

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.



ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31.

The Senatorial Nominations.

The Conservative Senatorial Convention, which met in this city to-day, nominated, for seats in the next Senate of Virginia, Judge CHARLES E. SINCLAIR, of Prince William, and H. O. CLAUGHTON, Esq., of Alexandria. Both gentlemen were nominated on the first and only ballot, and their election will secure able and efficient representatives, the Conservative party, staunch supporters, and the State at large Senators of whom it may well be proud.

A meeting of the new "citizens reform party," or as it is termed, the "potato bug" party of Baltimore, was held last night at the Maryland Institute, in Baltimore, at which it is estimated there were nearly three thousand persons present, composed principally of Republican workmen and mechanics. The platform adopted declares in favor of an economical city administration, the elevation of the character of the city's representation in the Legislature, the taxation of all church property except houses of worship, and against sectarian appropriations, the maintenance of the public schools, reform in the system of justices of the peace, amendment in the registry law, so as to prevent frauds in primary elections, &c. The announcement was made that Henry M. Warfield had been nominated for Mayor, H. V. D. Johns for State's Attorney, Judge Igliis, C. Emerich and Justus Bruhl for Judges of the Orphans' Court, and John T. McClintock for Sheriff. Judge Igliis is the present nominee of the Democratic party for the position named. Speeches were made by Messrs. Edwin Higgins, Henry M. Warfield, S. L. Stockbridge, H. V. D. Johns and Rev. H. P. Jordan.

The Washington Typographical Union, at a meeting held last night, adopted a resolution suspending members of the Union for six months, on their own application, so as to enable them to form another society, with power to regulate their own scale of prices, and to be independent of the Government Office compositors. This action, it is thought, will enable the compositors to come to an understanding with the employers.

The Mark Lane Express says the continuance of good weather has enabled the English farmers to harvest a large amount of produce in good condition, but there is a great deal of complaint as to quality and yield. As a rule the harvest prospects on the Continent are good, and the gathering of the crops is going on well. The potato crop had suffered from rain and disease in Belgium, Holland and Germany.

The funeral of Ralston, at San Francisco, yesterday, was the most imposing ever witnessed in California. The services were conducted at Calvary Church, which was crowded to its utmost capacity, and a concourse of citizens numbering probably 20,000 gathered around the church outside. The services at the cemetery were conducted by the Odd-Fellows.

All the mills in King George, except those of Col. E. T. Taylor and Charles Mason, Esq., were injured by the recent heavy rain falls so as to prevent them from grinding. The five mills injured are owned or run by Messrs. R. H. Turner, J. T. King, C. C. Robinson and Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Washington.

Last night a largely attended meeting of workmen, representing various trades opposed to the present contract system in the Maryland Penitentiary, was held in Baltimore. A committee of twelve was appointed to arrange for a mass meeting.

General Imboden, of Virginia, has issued an address to the people of this State, calling upon them to make united efforts for a proper and fitting representation of the "Old Dominion" at the centennial celebration in 1876.

Aaron Anders, a prominent miller and flour dealer of Frederick county, Md., was accidentally drowned at Liganore mills yesterday morning. It is rumored that his life was insured for \$15,000.

The reports which have been sent from Montreal relative to numerous failures there appear to have been exaggerated. Only four or five small dry goods houses made assignments during last week.

Advices from San Francisco indicate "a robust and healthy financial situation" there, with wonderful recuperative powers, notwithstanding the bank collapse.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend a grand fancy dress ball at the Buffalo Lithia Springs, on the evening of the 8th of September.

The Old Defenders of Baltimore arranged yesterday for both a religious and secular celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of North Point.

The ship Moonlight, which arrived at New York yesterday, reports that she picked up two small boats in latitude 13.35 longitude 41, containing the crew, the captain and his family, of the bark Aurelia, and a lady and a little child. They had been wrecked four days. They state that the Aurelia had caught fire and had been abandoned August 6th, and that she was bound from Barbadoes for River Plata, with a cargo of coal.

Seventeen tramps were arrested in Rahway, N. J., last Friday night and locked up. While in the cells they threatened revenge, and on Sunday morning they set fire to the building, causing a total loss of \$5,000.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times."

Since the failure of the Bank of California \$1,401,000 in gold has been transferred from New York to nine or ten San Francisco banks by means of deposits with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, but the United States Treasury declines to make any further transfers at present, notwithstanding that several applications to that effect have been received from New York.

A Georgia grand jury, yesterday, commenced the investigation of the recent Georgia "insurrection." The jury was charged by Judge Herschel V. Johnson to make a fair and impartial investigation, to ignore the fact that the accused had been slaves, and to deal with them as if they were whites.

The case of Westervelt, accused of connection with the Charley Ross abduction, was commenced, yesterday, at Philadelphia. The prisoner's wife, also indicted for similar complicity, but who had eluded arrest, presented herself in court and demanded to be tried with her husband.

The Comptroller of the Treasury has instructed N. B. Longford, National Bank Examiner for the Pacific Coast, to proceed to San Francisco to make an examination of the affairs of the National Gold Bank and trust company.

The racing race at Boston, yesterday, for \$5,000 and the championship of the United States, was won by "Sleepy George," "Sallic" second, "Copper Bottom," third. Time, 2:27.2, 2:26, 2:21, 2:27. "Sallic" took the first heat.

The destruction of \$509,400 in legal-tender notes has been ordered by the Secretary of the Treasury, being eighty per cent. of the national bank notes issued during the month. The amount of legal tenders outstanding is \$374,245,708.

A person named C. S. Smith, who has been collecting money at New Alexandria, Pa., ostensibly for the aid of the suffering people of Kansas, is denounced as a fraud by the Governor of that State.

James Dunn, Catholic, and Robert Coulter, Protestant, had a religious discussion Sunday in Columbus, O., resulting in Coulter shooting Dunn in the side and then escaping. The wound will probably prove fatal.

A large fruit-drying establishment was burned at Milford, Delaware, yesterday. The loss sustained by the owners in the destruction of the building and the fruit which it contained is estimated at \$20,000.

At Hopkinton, Mass., yesterday, a fifteen year old boy accidentally killed two of his sisters, wounded a third, likewise himself, by a single discharge of a gun. He intended to kill a cat.

The Atlanta Mills at Lawrence, Mass., resumed work yesterday morning after being idle several weeks. The mills gave employment to one thousand hands.

The telegraph reports a better feeling in financial circles in San Francisco, yesterday. The Merchants' Exchange Bank and the National Gold Bank did not open their doors.

The publishing house of Lee & Shepard, of Boston, and Lee, Shepard & Dillingham, of New York, have suspended. The liabilities are estimated at half a million.

Just's distillery at Antioch, Cal., containing 26,000 gallons of spirits, valued at \$50,000, was seized last Saturday by internal revenue officers on a charge of illicit whiskey manufacture.

A run-cotton and chemicals manufactory at Jersey City exploded yesterday, destroying the building. The disaster is believed to have been the result of spontaneous combustion.

Hon. Geo. B. Schall, a prominent lawyer of Allentown, Pa., committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself through the head. No cause is assigned for the act.

The excitement over the failure of Messrs. Stirling & Ahrens has measurably subsided, and yesterday was comparatively a quiet day in Baltimore business circles.

The Maryland, Chesapeake and Merchants' Refineries in Baltimore are "running out" odds and ends of stock, and will probably close in a few days.

Two new cases of yellow fever were reported from Fort Pickens on Saturday and one on Sunday.

Pensacola is declared free from yellow fever and perfectly healthy.

County Items.

[REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.] ARLINGTON, Va., Aug. 30.—The rain king has played the deuce with the never-too-good roads of the county, during its reign. The creeks and runs are overflowing, and in spite of the much profanity there are not dams enough to stop them. A fellow would not mind getting dry for a change.

Sheriff Wibert is out at last, after a severe illness and himself again, and now the wicked and ungodly quake in their boots (if not boots) from the knowledge thereof.

Mr. S. B. Corbett has decidedly the finest fruits of the season on his beautiful farm in Arlington, the pears and grapes exceeding any ever before seen as well as eaten, by your correspondent, who has had much experience in the latter line.

Mr. Philip Wrenn is very low with a fever, at his residence, near Arlington.

In a recent newspaper article, entitled "More Justice in the County," statements were made that did much injustice to John Pendleton, one of the capable colored magistrates of this county, whose office is in Freedman's Village, and who is well-known and liked by those who live in the county. The Justice probably meant is Geo. Franklin, whose office is in the lower part of Jefferson, certainly not Pendleton.

The "Round House" mentioned was at one time Geo. McClellan's headquarters, and now the private residence of Mr. Nelson H. Vorce. The habit of bathing in sight of the public highway is a great nuisance to the people of the county every summer, and should be put a stop to.

The corner-stone of the new Mount Zion Church, in Freedman's Village, will be laid with appropriate ceremonies on the third Sunday in September.

Another one of the "Arlington Socials" was held in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Jefferson, Monday evening, by the gay and festive colored citizens of the county.

Owing to the bad weather there was no preaching in Arlington last Sunday evening. In September the students from the Seminary will resume services in the Episcopal Church, in that place.

Last Saturday night a gentleman on his way home from the city, with a music-box, a present for his wife, under his arm, thought he would refresh himself with a few tunes. Sitting by the road-side, he wound it up and sweet strains broke the stillness of the night, delightful to his musical ear, but the effect upon a couple passing by, just from a love-feast, with minds heightened with religious emotions, was otherwise. One declared it was "de Lord calling for the other," "de debil to catch us." Finally fear loosed their power of locomotion and that spot took them not, nor other for several miles. Moral, don't gratify a taste for music on the highway.

SENATORIAL CONVENTION.

Nomination of Judge C. E. Sinclair, of Prince William, and H. O. Claughton, Esq., of Alexandria.

The Senatorial Convention of the Conservative party of the First District, comprising the counties of Loudoun, Fairfax, Prince William and Alexandria, assembled in Sarepta Hall at 11 o'clock this morning for the purpose of nominating two candidates of the party for seats in the next Senate of Virginia.

J. B. Smoot, Esq., called the Convention to order, and said:

Gentlemen of the Convention.—In obedience to precedent it becomes my duty to call the Convention to order.

Mr. Chas. H. Lee, of Loudoun, was nominated for temporary Chairman, but declined on account of indisposition, whereupon,

Maj. John M. Orr, of Loudoun, was unanimously chosen, and on taking the chair, said the first business in order was the appointment of a Committee on Credentials.

Mr. Wm. E. Lipscomb was elected temporary Secretary.

On motion of Judge Sangster, of Fairfax, the representatives of the Alexandria papers were made assistant Secretaries.

Mr. J. M. Kilgour, of Loudoun, said the first committee would be on permanent organization.

The motion to appoint a Committee on Credentials was adopted.

The Chair desired each county to name a member of the committee, and they were named as follows:

Alexandria: Robert M. Lawson, Fairfax: Judge James Sangster, Prince William: W. W. Thornton, Loudoun: F. M. Henderson.

The Chair requested the committee to retire and organize.

Col. J. W. Minor, of Loudoun, stated that the delegates from his precinct (Goreville) had no credentials, but requested that no objection be made on that account.

Col. Minor also moved that the Committee on Credentials report the permanent officers for the Convention, which motion was adopted.

The committee then retired and the Convention took a recess until they should be ready to report.

The committee, after a brief absence, through Mr. R. M. Lawson, their chairman, reported the following accredited delegates:

ALEXANDRIA.

First Ward: U. M. Monroe, Isaac Eichberg and Geo. A. Mushbach.

Second Ward: Geo. R. Shinn, G. Frank Kelly and M. B. Harlow.

Third Ward: E. E. Dowham, Basil Branner and M. D. Ball.

Fourth Ward: J. M. Johnson, R. M. Lawson, and R. H. Rudd.

County: Henry W. Febyer, John R. Johnson and John Birch.

FAIRFAX.

John W. Mohler, E. Buckley, J. Sangster, J. O. Kerby, R. J. Nevitt, Wm. Moore, M. H. Smith, C. F. Lee, D. M. Chichester, M. H. Wells, E. Van Slyke, C. W. Turley, Alfred Leigh, John Powell, J. M. Sewall.

LOUDOUN.

Leesburg: H. O. Clagett, J. W. Foster, W. D. Hampton, C. B. McCabe, H. Clay Wallace, F. M. Henderson, J. M. Orr, L. M. Shumate, Mount Gleason: E. F. Simpson.

Goreville: J. W. Minor and A. M. Chichester.

Lovettsville: J. W. Grubb, Luckett's store: W. H. Cassidy, Sileo's Springs: G. W. Nichols, Snickersville: George E. Plaster and A. B. Throckmorton.

Union: J. E. Hutchison, Woodgrove: J. M. Kilgour.

Hillsboro: A. J. Best and H. Osborne, Blakeley: H. F. Frazier, John T. Ross and H. A. Hall.

Waters: H. E. Peyton, (alternate), Middleburg: R. W. R. Noland, John Patton and C. H. Lee.

Waterford: John T. Shucy, Purcellville: C. R. Buzer.

Aldie: C. C. Barbour and J. T. Laws, Gum Spring: John F. Ryan, Hughesville: J. F. Harmon.

Guilford: J. C. Coleman, R. J. Albott and James Cookerille.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.

C. W. C. Cunningham, C. A. Heineken, R. M. Ware, Edmund Berkeley, H. T. Lytle, E. A. Kankey, J. J. Davis, J. M. Barbee, E. J. Meredith, John H. Butler, W. W. Kinchloe, Wm. E. Lipscomb, John L. Powell, L. F. Berkeley, W. W. Thornton, Robert Tangel, Jas. A. Herrell, E. J. Cannon, James V. Nash and Thomas A. Smith.

Judge Sangster, of Fairfax, said that the convention seemed to be restless, and as the committee on credentials would take some time to report on rules and organization, he moved that a recess for one hour be taken.

Cries of No! No!

Mr. Shinn said that as the committee would take at least a half an hour to report, and as the room was very warm, he could not understand why gentlemen preferred a close room to the open air.

Judge Sangster assured the convention that the only object in view was the comfort of the convention.

The motion to take a recess until 1 o'clock prevailed and the convention adjourned until that hour.

AFTER RECESS.

The convention reassembled at half past one o'clock, when Judge Sangster said the chairman of the committee was absent, and his fellow-committeemen had requested him to make their report. The committee recommended Henry E. Peyton, of Loudoun, for permanent chairman, and W. Lipscomb for secretary, and that the rules of the House of Delegates be adopted as the rules of the convention.

The report was adopted.

Col. Peyton on taking the chair said he felt most sensibly and gratefully the compliment. It was as unexpected as undeserved. He had determined not to act, but he felt he must yield to the compliment which had been paid him. He trusted to the indulgence of the convention, as he knew but little of parliamentary law. This convention, which had met together for a common end, was in many respects most important. The harmony of the convention was the first object.

Mr. C. F. Lee moved that the convention proceed to ballot for two Senators.

Mr. Mushbach said before proceeding to ballot he would move that the last gubernatorial vote be the basis for voting for the nominees.

Maj. Orr moved that the counties vote in alphabetical order.

Mr. Shinn said that when a motion was made he always understood that there was a reason for the motion. What is the object of this motion? Why call Alexandria first because her name commences with an A? Why not take the vote as the counties are named in the act organizing the district? Why not call Loudoun first as she is the first county in the district?

Mr. Orr said why should they object to the alphabetical order. There is a precedent for it in the Congressional Convention. The alphabetical order is the natural order, and prevents invidious distinction between the counties. His reason in making the motion was to prevent confusion and was the most convenient.

Mr. J. M. Johnson said the gentleman from Loudoun made an honest confession when he said that he had no reason for making the motion. The natural order was as the counties were named in the act, and he hoped the pleas-

ure of the convention would be to vote down the motion.

Col. Ball said before taking a vote he should understand how we should vote. He advocated that the vote be by representation.

The vote was then taken on Mr. Orr's motion and it was lost.

Mr. Shinn moved that the call of counties be as the act of Assembly organizing the District, which was carried.

Mr. Mushbach moved that in voting upon any question the vote be based upon the Conservative representation of the delegates.

Mr. C. F. Lee objected on the ground that the motion would cause too much trouble.

Mr. Noland, of Loudoun, moved as a substitute, that the vote by representation should be had upon the call of any fifteen delegates, which was adopted.

Nominations for State Senators were declared in order.

Mr. Noland moved that the speeches be limited to ten minutes. Adopted.

Mr. Orr put in nomination Thomas E. Taylor, of Loudoun, a tried Conservative, and one we can all trust, because we know his reliability.

Mr. McCabe, of Loudoun, nominated that tried and true son of Loudoun, Wm. Matthews, and hoped and trusted in the name of Loudoun he would be nominated as a Senator from this District to the next Legislature.

Mr. Mushbach nominated Mr. H. O. Claughton. He said:

Mr. President and gentlemen of the convention, it is a great pleasure to put in nomination Hierome O. Claughton, Esq., of the city of Alexandria, the choice, after an exceptionally fair determination, of the fifteen hundred Conservative voters of our city. Without announcing himself, but put forward by his friends as without self-interest, but relying on his people's confidence in him, his name went before that people, and they by decided majority, although he was opposed by one of Alexandria's favored and favorite sons, expressed their preference for him in a primary election so fairly conducted that its result left in the hearts of the defeated ones, as is rarely the case, no thought but to give their full support to their victorious competitor.

Mr. Claughton's long life among you has not been without its fruits. He is well and favorably known to you. Who he is and what he is to those of you who are not acquainted with him, among those of you who are not acquainted with him, is sufficient for me to say that as a lawyer of many years practice he stands the equal of any in his profession in this district; and as such possesses qualifications which will cause him to take a high place in the legislative body for a term in which we present him to you, a body in which in the future must grapple with and determine a question of the most vital importance to the State, than which none has ever been called to pass upon as more important; as a high place in the legislative body for a term in which we present him to you, a body in which in the future must grapple with and determine a question of the most vital importance to the State, than which none has ever been called to pass upon as more important; as a high place in the legislative body for a term in which we present him to you, a body in which in the future must grapple with and determine a question of the most vital importance to the State, than which none has ever been called to pass upon as more important; 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